



## Coming Full Circle...

Ecclesiastes 3: 1 “There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens.”

**Fábio**, raised in Brazil, grew up in Sao Paulo, the city where there are the most Japanese people outside of Japan. He took karate and studied Japanese, the first foreign language in which he showed interest. **Johnna** grew up in Wisconsin and never met a Brazilian or a Japanese person until she was 21 teaching English in Japan. Though most of her students were Japanese, two happened to be Brazilian. For the next 15 years, Fábio would learn English in Canada, Italian in Italy, and Spanish in Spain. Johnna would study Japanese in Japan, Hebrew and Greek in seminary, and later, work in French with Africans in Belgium. Both studied music and business. Both were fascinated with theology, psychology, cultures and languages. They met in Europe and married in Chicago, settling down in Florida. After two years in the Tampa Bay area, and the birth of their daughter, Sophia, they are ready to embark on a journey to Asia that will potentially bring all of their interests together!

**We have been called to work with Portuguese, Spanish, and English speakers in Japan.** We are thankful to be together as a couple and recognize that God has combined our lives, loves and personalities for a purpose. We look at each other and know we are leaving our jobs and a predictable life in the US behind. But we have decided to follow that which we are passionate about - we both enjoy being with people and want to offer what we have - our languages and international/cultural experience to serve the Japanese Covenant Mission, reach out to the international community in Japan, and work with Portuguese and Spanish speakers.

We thank God for the opportunity to join the Covenant Church in Japan. Currently, it is made up of twenty-three churches and also a seminary, a camp, a Christian center, a daytime care center for the elderly and other projects that reach out to the communities through English classes, music and disaster relief efforts.

**Our project** uses music, teaching, preaching and discipleship in Spanish, Portuguese, and English to support existing projects of the local Covenant churches. We also hope to

help as needed with pastoral counseling, language groups (Italian, French, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish), teaching English, and Covenant Relief, a disaster-relief organization.

Would you consider partnering with us in this international vision? The most important way to get involved is through prayer. Would you commit to praying for us monthly, weekly or daily? Other ways to get involved include encouragement (through correspondence via email or mail) and financial support. We believe that each person who helps this project financially should give what they have decided in their heart to give with freedom, not reluctantly or under compulsion, because God loves a cheerful giver.

We are grateful to God for this amazing and unique opportunity! We are grateful for innumerable signs of confirmation and God's grace to put us together as a couple and family. We are grateful for our families, friends and Covenant World Mission for trusting us. We love you all!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fábio and Johnna".

Fábio and Johnna